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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT'S TRIP TO CHINA

REF: MONROVIA 3553

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1. THOMAS BESTMAN, COORDINATOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, INFORMED THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR JUNE 2 THAT DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER T. SIAFA SHERMAN WOULD REPLACE FOREIGN MINISTER C. CECIL DENNIS, JR. ON THE TOLBERT PARTY FOR THE SUBJECT VISIT (REFTEL).

2. THE PARTY WILL TOTAL 39, INCLUDING THOSE MENTIONED IN THE REFTL (EXCEPT DENNIS) AND SENATOR W.V.S. TUBMAN, CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATONS COMMITTEE; ROBERT ELLIS, DEPUTY MINISTER OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL WELFARE; J. TOO WILLIAMS-CASELL, DEUPTY MINISTER OF
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT , RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND URBAN RECON-
STRUCTION; JOHN SHERMAN, DEPUTY MINISTER OF COMMERCE,
INDUSTRY AND TRANSPORTATION; ALOYSIUS H. FARRAH,
ASSISTANT MINISTER OF EDUCATION FOR ADMINISTRATION;
ERNEST DENNIS, EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, MESURADO GROUP
OF COMPANIES (A TOLBERT FAMILY CONCERN CONTROLLING A
SIGNIFICANT SEGMENT OF THE ECONOMY); AND RICHMOND DRAPER,

SECRETARY GENERAL, FEDERATION OF LIBERIAN YOUTH.
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3. COMMENT: PRESIDENT TOLBERT CLEARLY WISHES TO GIVE
REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL MAJOR MINISTRIES THE OPPORTUNITY
TO SEE CHINA. THE OMISSION FROM THE PARTY OF THE
PRESIDENT'S SON, A.B. TOLBERT, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE
FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE AND A MAJOR ADVOCATE OF
CLOSER RELATIONS WITH THE PRC, HAS PROBABLY CAUSED
CONSIDERABLE ANGUISH TO A.B. IT IS AN UNDERSTANDABLE
MOVE IN VIEW OF A.B.'S ERRATIC NATURE, HIS CERTAIN WITH
AND UNPOPULARITY WITH LIBERIANS GENERALLY.
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